AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 are pending.

1. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition, which comprises 20-64.5 wt % of a carbohydrate polymer containing linear amylose molecules and branched amylopectin molecules; 20-40 wt % of a hydrophilic resin selected from polyvinyl alcohol, polyacrylic acid, polyethylene acrylic acid, and a mixture thereof; 5-20 wt % of a lubricant; 10-30 wt % of a thermoplastic resin; and 0.5-5 wt % of metal soap as a stabilizer.

2. (Original) The biodegradable resin composition, wherein the carbohydrate polymer has a water content lower than 8%.

3. (Original) A method for producing a biodegradable resin composition, which comprises the steps of: introducing 20-64.5 wt % of a carbohydrate polymer containing linear amylose molecules and branched amylopectin molecules, 20-40 wt % of a hydrophilic resin selected from polyvinyl alcohol, polyacrylic acid, polyethylene acrylic acid, and a mixture thereof, 5-20 wt % of a lubricant, 10-30 wt % of a thermoplastic resin, and 0.5-5 wt % of metal soap as a stabilizer, into a mixer; stirring the introduced components while heating them to a temperature where they can be melted; extruding the stirred mixture through an extruder; cooling the extrudate in water; and cutting the cooled extrudate into a predetermined size with a cutter.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the carbohydrate polymer has a water content lower than 8%.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the extrudate is cut into a granule shape.